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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This Amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed February 6, 2002. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claim 21.

Please amend claims 20 and 22 as follows:

16) A replaceable ink container for use in an off axis printing system, the printing system being responsive to electrical signals produced by the replaceable ink container for controlling printing system parameters, the replaceable ink container having a leading edge defined as that edge of the replaceable ink container first received by the printing system, the replaceable ink container comprising:

a plurality of electrical contacts on the leading edge at a first side of the leading edge, the plurality of electrical contacts configured for engaging a plurality of corresponding electrical printer contacts of the printing system;

a fluid outlet on the leading edge at a second side of the leading edge that is directly opposite to the first side such that the fluid outlet is separated from the plurality of electrical contacts, the fluid outlet being in fluid communication with the replaceable ink container and configured for engaging a fluid inlet of the printing system; and

an information storage device electrically connected to the plurality of electrical contacts.